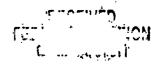


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The Commission

MUR 7085 (State Tea Party Express)

Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation

On June 14, 2016, the Commission found reason to believe that the State Tea Party Express violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(c) and 11 C.F.R. § 109.10(b) and (e) by failing to timely file its 2014 July Quarterly Report regarding independent expenditures made and contributions received. See Certification, MUR 7085 (June 14, 2016). The Commission authorized the Office of General Counsel to attempt to settle this violation through pre-probable cause conciliation and approved a proposed conciliation agreement. Attached is a revised agreement negotiated with the State Tea Party Express which would resolve the violation. We recommend that the Commission accept the agreement and close the file.

We believe this negotiated settlement represents an acceptable resolution of this matter. We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the attached signed conciliation agreement and close the file.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with State Tea Party Express.
- 2. Approve the appropriate letter.
- 3. Close the file.